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SUBJECT: SHARON AND DAYAN DISCUSS SETTLEMENTS POLICY

1. ISRAELI PRESS TODAY CONTINUES TO DISCUSS THIS WEEK'S GOVERNMENTAL DECISION ON SETTLEMENTS AND PARTICULARLY THE PRESIDENT'S TREATMENT OF THAT SUBJECT AT HIS JULY 28 PRESS CONFERENCE. FOREIGN MINISTER DAYAN AND AGRICULTURE MINISTER SHARON ALSO DISCUSSED ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS POLICY IN PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

2. SPEAKING IN TEL AVIV TO YOUNG LEADERS OF THE JEWISH FOUNDATION FUND FROM 22 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES, DAYAN SAID THAT JEWISH SETTLEMENTS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES ARE NOT AN OBSTACLE TO PEACE. HE ARGUED THE CONTRARY. REFERRING TO THE TERRITORIES, HE SAID "JEWISH ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS THERE ARE NOT AN OBSTACLE FOR PEACE WITH THE ARABS. ON THE CONTRARY, I DON'T KNOW OF ANYTHING MORE PRODUCTIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE THAT MIGHT BRING PEACE BETWEEN US AND THE ARABS, ANYTHING LIKE  
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LIVING TOGETHER WITH THE ARABS AND WHAT IS WHAT WE HAVE DONE. WE DON'T TAKE THEIR LAND FROM THEM BUT BUY LANDS FROM THEM AND BRING ABUNDANCE TO THE REGION."

3. SHARON ADDRESSED THE ASSEMBLY OF THE AGRICULTURE CENTER (AN INSTITUTION REPRESENTING THE VARIOUS

FACTIONS OF THE COOPERATIVE SETTLEMENT MOVEMENTS) AND DISCUSSED THE FOUR MAIN ASPECTS OF HIS WORK, INCLUDING SETTLEMENTS. HE SAID, IN DEFINING HIS POSITION ON SETTLEMENT: "I THINK THAT IT IS NEEDED, THAT WE ALL HAVE TO VIEW SETTLEMENT, AS IT HAS BEEN IN THE PAST AND AS IT WILL ALSO BE IN THE FUTURE, AS A FACTOR THAT WILL INFLUENCE OUR FUTURE MORE THAN EVERY OTHER FACTOR. IT WILL INFLUENCE OUR FUTURE BOTH IN REGARD TO DETERMINING THE BORDERS OF THE STATE, JUST AS IT WAS IN THE PAST, AND IN REGARD TO SHAPING THE CHARACTER OF PEOPLE IN ISRAEL."

4. SHARON THEN INDICATED THAT NEW SETTLEMENTS CAN BE EXPECTED: "WE ARE GOING TO IMPLEMENT THE SETTLEMENT PLAN THAT WAS CONCLUDED BY THE PREVIOUS MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE FOR SETTLEMENT AFFAIRS HEADED BY GALILI AT THE TIME AND I BELIEVE THAT THE PLAN WILL BE LARGER NOW. WE ARE CERTAINLY GOING TO ADD TO THIS SETTLEMENT PLAN. WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF CHANGING. WE INTEND TO IMPLEMENT THE PLAN AND TO ADD TO IT."

5. SPEAKING TO A REPORTER ON HIS DEPARTURE FOR THE UNITED STATES, MK ABBA EBAN WAS ASKED ABOUT HIS VIEW OF THE SETTLEMENTS DECISION. HE SAID: "THE GOVERNMENT IN WHICH I PARTICIPATED ALSO DID UNCLASSIFIED

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NOT ACCEPT THE GREEN LINE AS A HOLY LINE. WE ESTABLISHED SEVERAL SETTLEMENTS BEYOND THE GREEN LINE. I DO NOT THINK THAT THE DECISION ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNMENT CONSTITUTES A REVOLUTIONARY OR A SHOCKING EVENT AND I HOPE THAT ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES WILL FOCUS THEIR ATTENTION ON THE MORE CENTRAL ISSUE, NAMELY, HOW TO PREPARE AND ORGANIZE FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS THAT ARE APPARENTLY TO TAKE PLACE THIS YEAR AND WHICH MAY BE FATEFUL." LEWIS

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